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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/307,295	Applicant(s) Wilde et al.
	Examiner Jong-Suk (James) Lee	Group Art Unit 3673

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Jong-Suk (James) Lee

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(2) Mr. John Montgomery (Reg. No. 31,124)

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Date of Interview Jun 13, 2000

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 30 and 35

Identification of prior art discussed:

Corley (US 1,295,008)

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

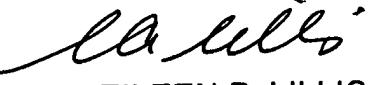
Applicant's attorney explained the distinctiveness of the invention over the prior art discussed is that the buoy having an (a plurality of) auxiliary buoyant member(s) removably mountable on the frame to selectively change the buoyancy of the buoy. However, examiner respectfully disagreed by mentioning that the recitation for the selectively removably mountable buoyant members to the frame does not define over the corley reference insofar as it is not clarified whether the buoy has a variety of buoyancy while it is being utilized on site/ in operation, or being manufactured. Applicant notified to file formal amendment by clarifying the discussed issue.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.


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